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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2005, attached are an RCE (request for continued examination), a petition for a 3-month extension of time, and a Supplemental IDS. Applicants request that the references cited in the Supplemental IDS be considered and made of record in this application.

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Applicants also request reconsideration of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-40 at page 2 of the Office Action.

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